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Over Yonder.

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Free from loneliness and sorrow,
Free from every evil thing,
We shall stand with holy rapture,
In the presence of our King;
While the golden harps' sweet melody,
Through Beulah land shall ring.
For the dearer of earthly life,
Will then be over past,
And the weariness of earthly strife,
No more shall overcast
The weary exile that has reached
His Father's house at last.
O dear and blessed Fatherland,
I'm longing now to see!
When shall my troubled spirit rest,
And be at peace in thee?
And see the Prince Immanuel,
Who gave his life for me?

Fisher's Hill, Va.

After years of anxiety and imaginations of Bro. Holsinger, we were accorded the privilege of seeing our distinguished brother as he is. After being pictured by professing Christians for years as a fiery ostentatious and do-as-you-please brother; we were very much disappointed. In fact we were almost afraid to meet our brother for fear he would destroy some of our little sand heaps that we had built, and too afraid that he would just tease the little money right out of our pockets, regardless of our will. But when we saw our brother all these imaginations and misrepresentations passed away even faster than the morning dew before the rising sun. We found him a man of easy, quiet and yet determined Christian deportment. A man who has labored very hard for his Master and his church. He wears a look as though he passed through trials and tribulations, and even had met despondency. In his college work he simply leaves it to the brethren to do their duty, and not tease the very vitals out of a man for a dollar. He became vehement when speaking in defense of the gospel and the abuse of the same.

How our heart did burn within us when we heard our brother plead for the principles and doctrine of the gospel all and nothing more! And right here it may be proper to say that the principles and doctrine of the gospel, have not been defended and advocated as they should be, and our brother sees this and is very anxious that they should be presented boldly in the future; both in the pulpit and in the EVANGELIST. If we accept the gospel, and that alone, as our doctrine or creed, and do not preach or publish it, then after all, we do not do as we claim or even as Christ has commanded. Christ says: Go ye therefore teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Now if we do not preach or use the press to teach "all things" whatsoever Christ has commanded, which is gospel doctrine, and this too is the bulk of the gospel and our Christian duty, then we do not use the gospel as we profess to use it. If we preach the gospel, we certainly preach doctrine, and if we preach doctrine, we surely preach the gospel.

We ought to be well fortified with gospel doctrine, ever "ready

always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you."

Our communion meeting, no preventing providence, will be held the 11th of September. All who can be with us are invited. Bro. Holsinger is expected to be with us then.

Bro. Madison and sister Emma Funkhouser deserve the sympathy of the brethren generally. Each of their mothers has died within a very short time of each other, and now sister Emma's sister is dead. They are both of the best of our brotherhood, and certainly have the sympathy of their neighbors and friends.

G. A. COPP.

Aug. 30th.

A Little Talk With Brother Cain.

DEAR BROTHER:—I have been very busy, then not well; did not do any more writing than I could help, hence your open letter has not been answered before. I will briefly do so now, not being near a copy of the EVANGELIST, I trust to my memory, if I miss any point, will attend to it another time.

1. If you read EVANGELIST No. 18, you will find my article on the convention. I said we should have a convention because we are not "fully" equipped for work, we may be properly organized, as far as I know, as far as we have gone; but in my judgment we have not gone far enough, and will not be until the church, as a church, is prepared for work, we are not fully equipped for work.

2. I said the time to have a convention was when the college debt was paid, that was and is yet my position, and from it I see no reason to depart. I must confess I am disappointed in this work. I expected the debt would be paid ere this. The church assumed the college burden and her obligation must be met: business is business, in church and without, but especially in the church. There is no difference between us.

3. Bro. Holsinger thinks the church properly organized; of course as far as it goes, but he knows as well as you and I, that we are not fully arranged for work. You may launch a ship, but there is something to do besides getting her to float. She may be properly launched and yet not fully prepared for her great work. As a church we have been launched on the billows of the world, but there is yet much to be done, I think brother Holsinger's position and my own can easily be reconciled, but of course he must speak for himself.

4. Your theory of taking the money it would cost to go to a convention this fall, and give it to poor and needy churches, looks well on paper, but is not practiced so much. It has been my observation that those who preach this the most practice it the least. Now we are building a church where we are poor and needy and if you send us your check for the amount it would cost to go from Waterloo to Ash-

land, we will have practical evidence that you practice as well as preach.

5. You say you are properly organized at Waterloo, I believe it: So are we at Funkstown, but Waterloo does not embrace the church at large. You are only a part of the church and there are many places that are not properly organized, and many places suffering for workers; and to succeed, there must be some arrangements made to push the work and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Your point on paying the preacher is good and deserve the consideration of the churches. A church who sends a man to preach and does not supply his wants, better do knee work and get converted.

Hoping you may continue to prosper in Waterloo and the regions round about, I am yours in Christ.

J. D. McFADEN.

Smicksburg, Pa.

We wish to inform our readers that the little band of Brethren known as the Manor congregation, organized some 18 months ago, by Eld. J. B. Wampler, is still alive as to their duty from the fact that the writer and the pleasure of meeting and laboring with them for six evenings, four evenings passed without any success by way of addition, but great interest was manifested at each meeting, and when the time came for our fifth sermon we entered into the work with renewed courage, and when sinners were invited to Christ and those who were keeping back a part of the price of eternal life by neglecting what God required of them, one young lady, although an earnest worker in the E. V. Methodist church, came forward and made known her willingness to be buried with Christ in baptism. She being the first to be received by baptism either by the Brethren or German Baptists, for several years in the Manor congregation. Our meetings brought another, or rather God's power, the mother of the young lady mentioned; also an influential member of the same church.

Thus our pleasant, and we trust, profitable little meeting came to a close in the height of its glory with one addition by baptism and one applicant for baptism. Brethren don't fail to attend to this matter soon, as you can remember delays are dangerous.

Early on the morning of the 27th ult., we said farewell to all. God bless you and keep you faithful. We started for our home some 25 miles from that place. Found all well for which we thank the Lord. Your in hope of eternal life.

E. H. SMITH.

Open Communion.

I have taken the opportunity to write a few lines for the EVANGELIST. I feel quite nervous over this matter. I have made the Bible my study for more than 50 years. When the Methodist keep the commands as they are

given to them, I will be a Methodist too. If one man should examine himself, so shall the other one as well. Such will work hurt to the church of the Brethren. Now then for scripture, 1 Cor. 10 chap. 20, 21 verses. And what hath light to do with darkness.

I do fully endorse Bro. Holsinger's article in the EVANGELIST of July 28, 1886. Other scripture can be given.

I am in favor of a convention, but not a delegation, or delegated convention. No, no. We have had so much experience about this Annual Meeting work. Let every member go that can go, and let the meeting decide.

DAVID C. ULERY.

South Bend, Ind.

Chicago, Ill.

Sept. 2nd, 1886.—Landed at this Western Metropolis this morning and it is only a little over three hundred of the 2,650 miles of my trip that is accomplished, but for several reasons I thought best to lay over here till noon tomorrow.

Possibly a bit of information for the benefit of our friends who may have occasion to pass through this city might be of use. So here it is:

When you land at the P. Ft. W. & C. Depot, inquire for Mr. Wilson who will take pleasure in giving you any information in reference to the city, or that may be of use to you in your travels. He is a R. R. official always on hand, and it is his special business to give you all needed advice. If you intend to stop in the city, go to the Washington Hotel, a short distance from the depot. I regard it as one of the best city hotels that it has been my fortune to hit, plenty of well prepared and wholesome food, good beds, everything neat and clean and rates reasonable. Then if your time will admit of it, go and see the panoramic scene of the Battle of Gettysburg. It is absolutely aweinspiring and wonderful. No one who never saw anything of the kind can form the least conception of this wonderful work of art. I will not attempt a description of it. When I got up to the point of observation, I found quite a number of spectators standing there in argument, all as silent as if gazing for the last time upon the mortal remains of a friend. The scene is simply awful and must be beheld in order to be comprehended, and I think it is a useful scene. Surely if anything in the way of object lessons can teach us to understand the horror of war, this one will.

I hope to reach Lathrop by the 8th or 9th, when if spared I will write again. Farewell.

P. J. BROWN.

Deer Lick, Ohio.

I write a few lines for the EVANGELIST as I love to read it, and hear from the Brethren elsewhere.

The field is large here and the membership is scattered. We have employed Bro. J. H. Pal-

mer to preach for us the coming year. He held a meeting at the Grove a couple weeks ago and one came out during the meeting. Although he is young in years, let us pray that he may be strong in the service of his Master, and be instrumental in God's hand to accomplish much good and may many souls be brought to Christ.

We attended a soldiers' reunion yesterday and while looking over the large crowd of people that assembled together, I was made to think how willingly people could go to any worldly amusement but if it was to the Lord's house how small the congregations are sometimes. Very true it is that where our hearts are, there will our treasure be also. If our heart be on earth and its pleasure, there is where we love to be. But for me, I would rather go to God's house.

Dear brethren and sisters let us go on a little while longer, let us strive to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord that when time and timely things may fail, we can have a happy reunion on the other shore where parting is felt and feared no more.

Your unworthy sister in the Lord.

MRS. E. M. YAGEL.

Sept. 2.

Religious Intelligence.

A thousand years have passed since Cyril and Methodius finished the first Russian translation of the New Testament in A. D. 885. This year 55,000 more copies of the Scriptures have been sold in Russia than in any previous year.

The colony of Safed Jews, east of the Jordan, will probably receive the legacy of \$50,000 left by the late Simon Samson, for improving the condition of the Jews in the Holy Land.

The Young Women's Christian Association now numbers 8,000 members in Ireland.

The debt of the American Missionary Association (Congregational) is \$30,000 and the contributions for its liquidation thus far amount to \$10,000.

At Norwalk, Conn., July 15th, was celebrated the centenary of the first consecration of an Episcopal church in this country. St. Paul's church, though not the first Episcopal church in the country, was the first to be actually consecrated.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board employs in regular service 230 missionaries, who supply the pulpits of 600 churches. Last year they built forty new houses of worship, and organized sixty-seven churches.

The next Pan-Presbyterian Council is to be held in London, beginning June 26th, 1888. The American section recommends that fewer papers be read, and more time be given for discussion, in the next Council, than heretofore.

The entire income of the Trinity church property in New York city last year was \$550,000.

The church of the Finns in New York city, is offered for sale. The pastor has resigned and gone to Wilkes-barre, Pa.

The B. & P. R. R. located their shops in the rear of the Fifth Baptist church, Washington D. C., greatly to the annoyance of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. C. C. Meador, brought suit, and recovered \$5,000, with the privilege of renewing the suit every three years, and thus far secured damages three times. The railroad company has concluded to give up and remove its shops. Churches and preachers have some rights.—Lutheran Standard.

The government of Japan has forbidden lecturing against Christianity. Over \$30,000 have been collected to erect a new church in the city of Jerusalem, where there is an orphanage under the care of the Lutheran church.